

First Baptist Church

GOLDEN JUBILEE

1891-1941

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN



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Regina, Saskatchewan

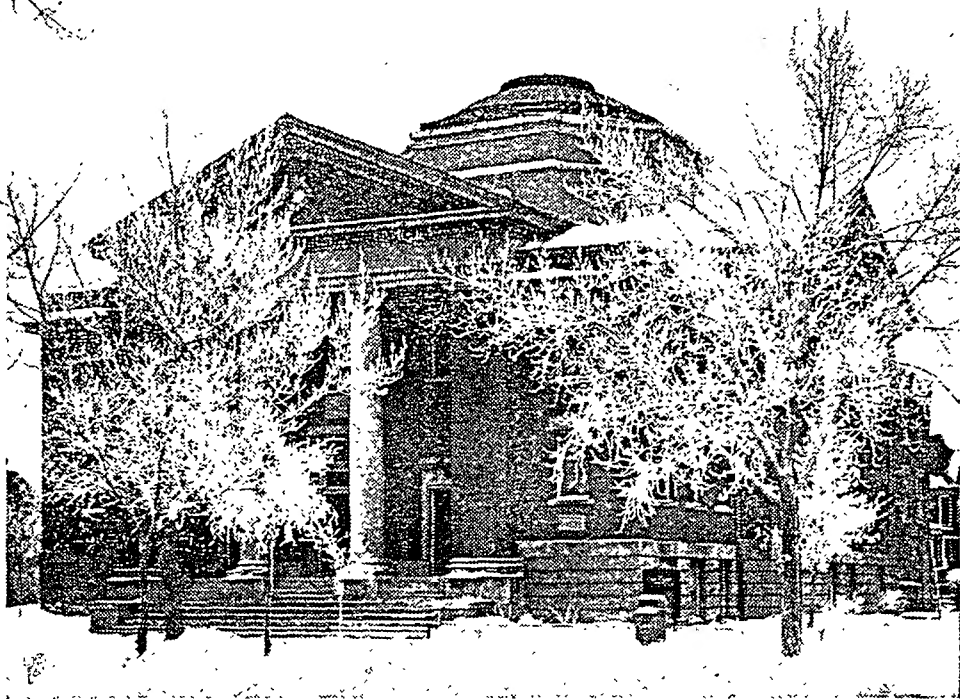
ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 6, 1891

JUBILEE WEEK

OCTOBER 5TH TO 12TH

JUBILEE MISSION

NOVEMBER 17TH TO 23RD



SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUBILEE YEAR

JUNE 25th to 30th

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF

THE BAPTIST UNION OF WESTERN CANADA

SUNDAY, JULY 6th

PROF. R. J. McCracken, McMaster University

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

(Church Organized Sept. 6, 1891)

A.M.—"OUR GOLDEN LEGACY"

P.M.—"OUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY"
THE MINISTER

JUBILEE WEEK

OCT. 5th TO OCT. 12th

- SUNDAY** —DR. A. C. ARCHIBALD, Calgary.
(Salvation Army Citadel Band).
- MONDAY** —YOUNG PEOPLE'S NIGHT: Dr. A. C. Archibald.
- TUESDAY** —COMMUNITY NIGHT: Lieutenant Governor A. P. McNab.
Premier W. J. Patterson. Mayor
James Grassick. Rev Harry Joyce.
St. Andrew's United Church,
Regina.
- WEDNESDAY** —CONGREGATIONAL NIGHT: Jubilee Offering. Jubilee
Banquet. Rev. W. C.
Smalley, Edmonton.
- THURSDAY** —HISTORICAL NIGHT: Pageant. (Written by Mrs. Ivan Milne,
Ottawa. Directed by Mrs. E. J. Ellis,
Regina). Rev. J. Henry King. (First
Minister of Church).
- FRIDAY** —MISSIONARY NIGHT: Dr. John R. Mott. (City-wide Rally).
- SUNDAY** —REV. W. C. SMALLEY, Edmonton.

NOVEMBER

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JUBILEE MISSION

UNDER

Dr. J. B. McLAURIN


NOVEMBER 17th TO 23rd



MESSAGE OF GREETING

Dear Friends:

I greet you on the occasion of our Golden Jubilee. We regret to record on these pages that we are celebrating this great event under the shadow of war. But we see shining through the darkness "the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Indeed, it would seem that we have to experience the blackout that descends when all the flickering candles of human prowess have gone out, before we can discern, rising out of the gloom to meet us, the light that never was on land or sea, that we have to feel the foundations of life shake beneath our feet before we can sing "Rock of Ages" as it should be sung, that we have to look into the horrible abyss of doubt and despair before we can really believe that "the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright, and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light."



First Baptist Church, Regina, has stood for fifty years as a defiant reply to cynicism, proclaiming to the world her unshakeable belief in the redemptive power of Christ to make new men and a new world. Her faith and her ministry have been an inspiration to many through the years. First Church has been set as a light on the shore to guide seafarers through the darkness and the storm, and she has sought to keep her witness aglow and the sacred evangel aflame. Many there are to whom the message of her pulpit has been a guiding light into the haven of peace and rest. Many there are to whom her proclamation of the Good News has meant joy unspeakable, the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We rejoice together in the record of this first half century. Through the devoted labors of our pioneers in the faith we have fallen heir to a priceless legacy. We are grateful and we give thanks to God. I, myself, rejoice in the rare privilege that has been mine in being called to minister to such a church in such a time as this. Your loyal devotion and your prayerful support are making my ministry a very happy task, and for that I am deeply grateful to you all.

But, while we jubilate over the past and the present we now address ourselves to the future. There are new fields to conquer, there are new trails to blaze, there are new frontiers yet to cross, there are needy souls to claim for Christ and His Kingdom, there are weary ones to cheer, and sorrowing hearts to comfort. Ours is a tremendous responsibility and an unprecedented opportunity. May we not fail in this dark but great hour. May we be dedicated to our Lord in an uncalculating devotion, intent above all else on doing His will and expanding His sovereign sway. In that way alone will the centenary of First Church in 1991 be able to record even greater progress and a richer harvest. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Sincerely Your Minister,

C. HOWARD BENTALL.

Minister's Study,
September 25, 1941.

GREETINGS

My Beloved Brethren:

That is what you people are to me, especially in your relation to the Regina Church, of romantic and historical spiritual interest to many. I am delighted to receive your invitation relating to the forthcoming Jubilee of the church, and indicating your wish that I participate in that historic event.

I do not know of anything that would give me such spiritual and social happiness as to be present and to take a personal part in the great services—for great they will be. And though it may be difficult I shall pray and plan to make the trip, if possible, under the providence of God.

J. HENRY KING.

To the Members and Friends of
The First Baptist Church,
Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Heartiest greetings on this historic occasion. I share with you the joys which the Jubilee inspires. It is enough to know that "we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." As He was and is so may we be, "a light unto the world."

Hold high the torch of truth, a flame;
Declare His love; exalt His name;
The promise of a greater goal
Is in thine altitude of soul.

Sincerely,
G. HARMON JONES,
514 Rosemont Ave.,
Pasadena, Cal.

To the Members of the First Baptist Church, Regina:

I salute you on your Golden Jubilee, and may you in the years to come be as loyal to the Master and His word as in the past. When I first went to Regina the City had a population of 15,000; the Church had a membership of 190 and was worshipping in the old Methodist Church. When I left, the population of the City was 30,000 and the membership of the Church was more than 500. I think back with thankfulness to that Lord's day when I was privileged to baptize 40 on profession of their faith. In my time the new building was erected, and in that building some of my happiest days were spent. What evidence of the Divine Presence were witnessed! I thank God for the fellowship I had with such men as Deacons Fisher, McLachlan, Archie McDougall, Millar and Davis. These men are now before the throne and perhaps remember you and your work there. I commend to your careful and prayerful study 1 Corinthians 15:58. I can give you no better counsel.

S. J. FARMER.

GREETINGS

On the occasion of your Jubilee, I send you my heartiest greetings and my most enthusiastic congratulations.

To know that through all these years you have courageously and faithfully heralded abroad the message of the living gospel is a matter of deep satisfaction to one who spent some of the happiest years of his ministry in your church, of which he still retains lovely memories.

May the coming years bring you an ever expanding ministry to the heart needs of your City, and a place of increasing leadership in the building of a better world.

Cordially and faithfully yours,
ARTHUR S. LEWIS.

Christian Greetings to everyone of Regina, First, in this your year of Jubilee:

Of those fifty years of history nine belongs to the period in which it was my privilege to serve as your minister. For those days I thank God and for you. Keep the banner at the masthead, for now, as never before, the world requires the testimony of the reality of the spiritual. May the enriching blessing of God be yours as you enter the fifty-first year is the prayer of my wife, the family and myself.

HARRY R. NOBLES,
Temple Church,
Windsor, Ont.

3203 Linwood Place,
Windsor, Ontario.
March 24th, 1941.

To the First Baptist Church of Regina, Greetings:

There is no way of measuring the value of fifty years of church history. Monies received and spent and the total number of baptisms tell but a part of the story. Beyond that we have the wealth of Christian living, Christian words and Christian deeds. God alone can and does put the true value on these. That future day will declare it. May works of faith and labors of love and patience of hope continue to characterize the members of the First Baptist Church of Regina.

Sincerely yours,
A. B. VINCENT.

26 Church Ave.,
Willowdale, Ont.
May 18th, 1941.

To the Members of the First Baptist Church, Regina, Sask.

Dear Brethren:

Although my daughter and I have frequently expressed our keen appreciation of your generosity and unfailing kindness during our ministry of two happy years among you, we venture to send our loving greeting on the great occasion of your Golden Jubilee celebration. Under the loyal leadership of your pastor, Rev. C. H. Bentall, you are enjoying by the blessing of God a period of unprecedented co-operation and success which we trust may be the certain promise of still greater achievements in the years to come. As we cannot pay you a visit to participate in your jubilation we pray that the God of all Grace, Who has crowned your fifty years' service with abounding favor, may so lead and bless you that in all things Christ may have the pre-eminence.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
BOWLEY GREEN.

"FIFTY YEARS"

It is the first Sunday of September in the year 1941. The church bells are calling the people to morning worship. Through the doors they come—young and old, rich and poor, the sad and lonely, the happy and the gay—they are coming to rest, to pray, to "wait upon the Lord," to renew their strength and repeat their vows. Here the holy sacrament of life is broken, here the word of God is heard, here the soul is lifted up to the eternal hills, here the seen and the temporal are left behind, the unseen and the eternal are made real and near, here they come, they "kneel and all around seems to lower; they rise and all the distant and the near stand forth in sunny outline, brave and clear," they come weak, they leave full of power, they come dejected and weary, they leave uplifted and stronger. They have found this familiar shrine once again to be for them the house of God and the very gate of heaven.

This place and these people? The First Baptist Church in Regina and the worshippers who pass through her two stately pillars every Sabbath day. In her services of worship, through her Sunday School, through her young people's society and her many and varied organizations, hundreds of people today are being touched and moulded by her influence, and through her they are the recipients of the unsearchable riches of divine grace, "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." It is a ministry of which we are proud and in which we rejoice.

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

But, behind this picture of her privileged and prominent ministry in 1941 lies a saga of heroic adventure and sacrificial service dating as far back as 1869. In that year the Baptist Home Mission Board of Ontario met in Aylmer, Ont. and Dr. Fyfe, principal of the Woodstock Baptist Academy moved that the Board send two men to visit the Red River Settlement and make a report with a view to sending a man to preach the gospel to that great prairie land. The two men selected were the Rev. Thomas Baldwin and Dr. Davidson who bravely set out via Chicago to St. Cloud, Minnesota, making the trip by train in three days, and then ten days by mule to Fort Garry,—the site of the future city of Winnipeg with only twenty-two houses and one brick store. They examined the country as far east as the Lake of the Woods, as far west as Portage la Prairie, and as far north as Lake Manitoba. They came back with such a glowing report of the soil, the climate and the prospects that enough money was raised to send the Rev. Alexander McDonald as the first resident Baptist Missionary to the new Province of Manitoba.

THE BEGINNING

A church was built the next year, chiefly through the benevolence and the activity of W. R. Dick, of Winnipeg. Then on February 7, 1875 it was organized,—the first Baptist Church to be organized in the great West, and the first convert was A. E. St. Delmas who later became a missionary. By 1879 there were four churches with 162 members and in 1885 a church was organized in Brandon where in the same year a convention of delegates from thirteen Baptist churches met reporting a total of 650 members.

Five years later the name of Regina appears for the first time on the pages of Baptist history. It was then, in 1890, that the pastor of the Brandon church, the Rev. Wellington Jenkins, of Cody, N.B., a graduate of Acadia University and a noted scholar of the Greek Testament, visited Regina in his capacity as Superintendent of Home Missions. Dr. Jenkins found several Baptists anxious for a church of their own faith and practice. He preached in the Town Hall to a fair audience, called on several and reported to the Home Mission Board at Winnipeg that there was need for a mission in Regina, where a church could be organized in the near future.

The Board, acting on his recommendation, sent to Saint John, N.B., for the Rev. J. Harry King. He came to Regina on July 11th, 1891 and held his first public service on the following Sabbath in the old Town Hall. He continued his preaching regularly and in two months organized a church of baptized believers, since known as the "FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, REGINA." The organization meeting was held on Sunday, September 6th, 1891 with fifteen members, none of whom, however, now live in Regina. The names of those fifteen members were as follows:

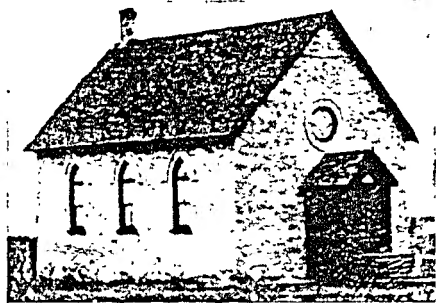


Rev. J. Harry King

Rev. J. H. King, B.A.
 Rev. Thomas Sutton, from England
 Mr. John Fisher, from Paisley, Ontario
 Mr. John Hamilton, from Hamilton, Ontario
 Mr. John McDougall, from Paisley, Ontario
 Mrs. John McDougall " " "
 Miss Bella McDougall " " "
 Miss Sarah McDougall " " "
 Mr. Donald McDougall " " "
 Miss Mary McFadyen, from Ontario
 Mr. James McLachlan " "
 Miss Barbara McPhail, from Toronto
 Mr. T. E. Nevison, from England
 Mrs. T. E. Nevison " "
 Mrs. M. E. Truesdell, from South Durham, Quebec.

At this organization meeting, the "Church Covenant" and the "Declaration of Faith" were read. Brothers McLachlan and Fisher were elected Deacons. Archibald McDougall was elected Church Clerk. Five were elected Trustees and three as a Building Committee.

Five weeks later in Wascana Creek seven converts followed their Lord in baptism, one of whom Miss Annie M. Truesdell, our present highly esteemed Treasurer, a position which she has held



First Church Building
Cornwall Street

continuously for the past 33 years. Soon after the Building Committee bought a site for the church at a cost of \$375.00 situated on Cornwall street between 11th and 12th Avenue where a house of worship was built and dedicated two months later. The "beginnings" ended when in the following January, 1892, a Sunday School was organized with A. E. Waldon as the

Superintendent. At the conclusion of this first historic year the membership of the church numbered 47 and the number baptized during the period was 16.



Rev. F. W. Auvache, B.A.

The second Pastor of the church was Rev. F. W. Auvache, an Englishman of French Huguenot descent, who came to us from Pilot Mound, Man. Mr. and Mrs. Auvache had first chosen India as their field of service, but after a brief stay in India they were obliged to return to England owing to the serious illness of Mr. Auvache. To his great disappointment Mr. Auvache never sufficiently recovered to resume his work in India and he finally brought his family to Canada.

In addition to his faithful labours as Pastor of the church Mr. Auvache, like Mr. King, did valuable service in the community around Regina, often driving more than fifty miles into the country searching for isolated Baptists, holding meetings and bringing good cheer, comforts and medicines, out of his own scanty store, to sick and needy settlers.

The first decade witnessed the organization of a Young People's Union, four years of drought and difficulty between 1893 and '97 when few settlers ventured out into the West. But nevertheless 35 were received into membership, an organ secured, a Sunday School Library begun, and mission work started in the surrounding country. The decade concluded in 1901, with the organization

of a group which cannot be surpassed in its record of devoted service and without which the church would have had a far less commendable story to relate. This organization was to be known for many years to come as the Ladies' Aid.

In October of this year representatives of 9 churches in Saskatchewan and Alberta were called to examine the student pastor of the church, A. T. Robinson, and "set him apart for the the gospel ministry." Rev. A. P. McDairmid, Principal of Brandon College, preached the Ordination sermon, and Rev W. T. Stackhouse, Superintendent of Home Missions, offered the prayer at "the laying on of hands."



Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea

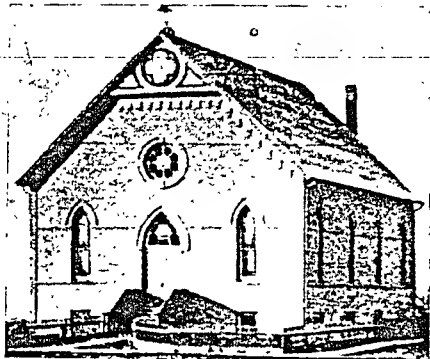
The name of one member during this period is worthy of special mention. In 1897 and again in 1902 and '03 the church was without a pastor for several months, but regularly Sunday School and prayer meetings were held, and for this much of the credit was due to the efforts of the late Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea, whose husband was a member of the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories and who afterwards became the first Lieutenant-Governor of the newly formed Province of Alberta. Mrs. Bulyea was the able teacher of a large adult Bible Class and at her suggestion the members of the church continued to contribute regularly by envelope until all past debts were cleared away and the church was again in a position to call a pastor. In this way the membership was held together and the work of past years was conserved.

In May, 1903, Rev. H. G. Mellick, of St. John, N.B., became the pastor of the church, and a period of activity and progress began. In the first year of his ministry the church became self-supporting, and the congregations increased to such an extent that the building could not accommodate the people who came to the services. Consequently, in 1906, an extension of 24 feet was built on to the church at a cost of \$900.00. But, it soon appeared that even this addition would not meet the growing need and that a larger house of worship would have to be built. On the



Rev. H. G. Mellick, B.A.

14th of February, 1906, a committee, consisting of Pastor Mellick, James McLachlan, G. W. Wagner and George Milne, was appointed for the purpose of securing a site for the new church. Five lots on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Lorne Street, the site of the



Second Church Home, Hamilton Street

present church, were offered by the owners, Whitmore Bros. at a special price of \$4,000.00 on the one stipulation that the site be used for church purposes. On the recommendation of the committee this offer was accepted immediately. In the meantime, to accommodate the growing congregations the former Methodist church, standing on the south-west corner of Hamilton Street and 12th Avenue, was rented at \$65.00 per month.

On May 18th, 1907, Rev. H. G. Mellick resigned, and as a token of appreciation and esteem a purse of \$250.00 was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Mellick. During his pastorate of 4 years a new milestone of progress had been reached and the Mellick Manse was a haven of rest to many a weary Baptist settler coming out into Western Canada.

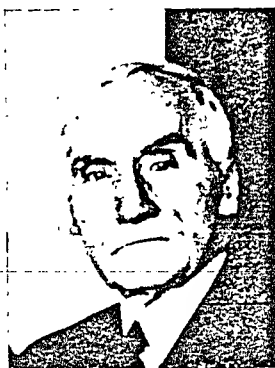
In December, Rev. Harmon Jones became the pastor of the church. In June, 1908, individual communion cups were secured, another piano was purchased and a soloist, A. E. Greenlaw, a Negro from Woodstock, Ont., was engaged at \$1,000 per year. Two years later, in 1910, on February 6th, Rev. Harmon Jones resigned and a call was sent to Rev. S. J. Farmer, of Brantford, Ontario, and Rev. H. C. Speller served as interim pastor during April.

Pastor Farmer commenced his pastorate on May 15th, 1910, and then followed the efforts that resulted in the erection of the present edifice.



Rev. Harmon Jones, B.A.

The Cornwall street property was placed on the market and sold for \$38,000. In October a Building Committee of nine members was elected to devise ways and means of constructing a suitable church building. The names of this committee were: J. L. McKillop, T. A. Smeed, G. F. Wilson, P. R. McDonald, H. A. Couse, J. H. D. Stevens, O. S. Knisely, George Hilton, and George Millar. The first three mentioned are still with us. On January 18th, 1911, the building committee



Rev. S. J. Farmer, B.A., D.D.

recommended the adoption of "plans" for a structure similar to the Sioux Falls Baptist Church in South Dakota with various modifications. The committee also recommended that \$35,000.00 be borrowed and a mortgage given with interest at not more than 7% and, further, that tenders be advertised for and contracts entered into without delay. The church voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the committee. The committee reported, March 29th, that the contract had been let to Smith Brothers and Wilson on their tender of \$49,000.00 which did not include the plumbing, the steam-heating plant or the furniture.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE

The first sod was turned on Monday, April 10th, 1911. The foundation work was commenced on May 3rd. The corner stone was laid by Dr. John Clifford, of England, on July 10th. He preached in the City Hall the day before to a record making audience when his text was: "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain and he shall bring forth a headstone with shouting, saying, Grace, grace unto it."

At the annual meeting in January, 1912, the clerk's report showed a net gain of 51 members for the year 1911. The treasurer reported that \$7,400.00 had been received on current account. (The number using the envelope system was 136). The building committee reported that \$51,832.18 had been received. Assets totalled \$162,700.00 and liabilities, \$55,000.00. On April 14th, of the same year, the new pipe organ was heard for the first time and twenty persons were given the right hand of fellowship.

THE CYCLONE

June 30th, 1912, was a very historic but tragic date. It was a very hot Sunday and about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon a black cloud appeared in the south. At ten minutes to five a terrific cyclone swept through the city. Its path was narrow, mainly between Smith and Lorne Streets. In this path it destroyed the Y.M.C.A., the Telephone Exchange, and nearly one-hundred other buildings, killing over forty persons. Fortunately, at the time the churches were empty. The cyclone completely demolished the Metropolitan Church. It seriously damaged Knox Presbyterian Church. It lifted the dome of our church and in its mad fury threw it one block away, leaving it to rest on the Church of England property. The rain that followed upon the heels of the cyclone drove through the open roof and the total damage to the Church reached the figure of \$12,000.00.

The following Sunday, Baptists met in the Princess Theatre for regular worship.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

During August forty-four letters were granted members to form the Central Baptist Church in the city, but the net gain in membership for 1912 was 59. In the following year the First Church decided to help a mission in the East end of the city for which purpose the late Mr. Frank Simpkins donated three lots. In the same year, Brother Goby left as a missionary under "The China Inland Mission."

In 1913 evangelistic services were conducted for ten days by Dr. W. B. Riley, of First Baptist Church in Minneapolis, during which fifty persons made public profession of their faith in Christ and a net gain of 125 members was reported for the year.

TO THE AID OF BRITAIN

On the fourth of August, 1914, Britain entered the Great War to fulfill her treaty obligations to Belgium and France, and Canada with 500,000 men went to her aid. Of this number 103 enlisted from this congregation. Eleven of them were killed in action and their names are inscribed upon an honor roll which hangs in the parlors of the church. Again, in September, 1939, Canada went to the side of her Motherland, and at the time of our Jubilee celebration 45 men from the church and congregation have enlisted in the several branches of His Majesty's Forces.

On May 28th, 1916, after nearly six years as pastor, Rev. S. J. Farmer tendered his resignation which became effective on June 10th.

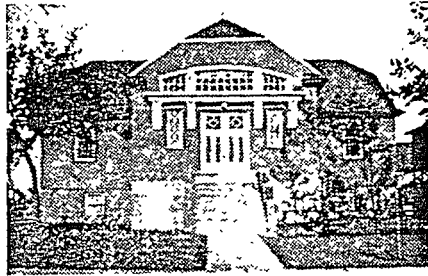
In view of the fact that both Central and the First Baptist Churches were now each without a pastor, it was mutually agreed that the members of Central Church unite with First Church, and the names of 94 members of Central Church were transferred to the membership of First Church. Dr. Howard P. Whidden, Principal of Brandon Collège, preached on December 3rd and presided at a great united Communion service, expressing his confidence in the future of the coming pastor.

This new pastor was to be Rev. A. S. Lewis, of Windsor, N.S. He commenced his ministry on February 1st, 1917. The church immediately began to make rapid progress. At the close of four weeks 16 were added to the membership by baptism. The use of the Sankey hymn book was discontinued in favor of the Baptist Hymnal, and in May the Communion registration card was adopted. The number of envelope contributors increased by 45 in one month, bringing the total to 200. In the same year the church decided to purchase an automobile for the minister. In the following year \$5,000.00 was paid on the "Cyclone Loan" received from the City in 1912.



Rev. A. S. Lewis, B.A., B.D., D.D

November, 1921, marked another phase of missionary extension. The Church Extension Committee was authorized to construct a 40 ft. by 20 ft. building on the north-west corner of Cameron Street and Seventh Avenue at a cost of \$2,100.00. This structure was to be known in the future as the Cameron Memorial Church, in honor of one of our noble missionaries, and a member of First Baptist Church, Dr. Marjorie Cameron, who died "in action" serving under the flag of her "King of Kings" in India in 1921. Mrs. C. F. Rand was appointed Sunday School Superintendent and William Skelton appointed Secretary.



Cameron Memorial Church

Deep regret was felt at the departure of Rev. A. S. Lewis who left, following a great pastorate of five years and three months, to become the minister of Fairview Baptist Church in Vancouver.



Rev. Harry R. Nobles, B.A., B.D.

On Sunday, August 7, 1923, Rev. Harry R. Nobles, B.D., commenced his pastorate of nine years. The strength of the church at this milestone of her history can be gathered from the annual report presented in January of that year. The total membership was 687, of which 187 were non-resident. The Sunday School enrolment had reached the number of 397 scholars and 25 teachers. 22 scholars had been baptized during the year. The B.Y.P.U. numbered 60, the Ladies' Aid 75 and the Mission Circle 79.

On February 28th, 1923, forty-one members resident in the northwestern part of the city were granted letters to the new Cameron Memorial Church. In spite of this "exodus," the net gain during the year was '19.

In June, 1931, Rev. H. R. Nobles left. The membership at this time was 800, even though two Baptist churches had been organized in the city, many members for which had been drawn from the First Church.

In October, Rev. A. B. Vincent, of Walkerville, Ontario, came to the church as interim pastor and remained until September, 1932, during which period twelve were baptized.

REV. H. H. UPTON

Then Rev. H. H. Upton, of Watertown, Massachusetts, became the regular pastor of the church, for a period concluding in July 1, 1935. These were exceedingly hard years in view of the fact that Regina was in the very trough of the depression area. Nevertheless, many were added to the church.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Upton from the pastorate, we feel that, as a Church, we were particularly fortunate in securing the services of a Christian gentleman of a rich and ripe experience over a period of more than fifty years in the ministry, in the person of Rev. Bowley Green, B.A., D.D., in which choice we are confident we were divinely led. Under God, and the leadership of Dr. Green, the Church life was deepened, strengthened and enriched in the things of the Spirit, preparing the way, as it did, for the coming of his immediate



Rev. A. B. Vincent, B.A., B.Th.



Rev. Bowley Green, B.A., D.D.

successor, Rev. F. W. Pattison, and that of the present pastor, Rev. C. Howard Bentall. We desire to record here, also, the invaluable assistance rendered by his daughter, Miss Green, whose constant and loyal devotion was ever a source of inspiration and help to her father and without which, according to the Doctor's own admission, the notable success which attended his ministry would not, in the same degree, have been possible.



Rev. F. W. Pattison, M.A.
Died April 25, 1940

The late Rev. F. W. Pattison was interim pastor for a brief period of six months from January to June of 1938 and under his gracious leadership the church continued to march forward.

REV. C. HOWARD BENTALL

Rev. C. Howard Bentall, came in July, 1938. He came as a young man from Selkirk, Ontario, his first pastorate. During the time he has been with us, the First Church has gone forward to a marked degree. 94 have been baptized upon profession of faith in Christ, and 130 added to the membership of the church, the membership at the time of Jubilee standing at 827, 524 of whom are resident and 303 non-resident. During the past three years of his pastorate, the church building has been re-decorated, new carpets and drapes secured, the new Baptist Hymnary purchased, and the mortgage greatly reduced.

EPILOGUE

And so ends the record of fifty years. We dedicate this Jubilee Brochure to the heroic adventure and devoted service of the pioneers who laid the foundations for our great church. We would be worthy of the rich heritage they have bequeathed to us and as we face the second fifty years take up the ringing challenge of our Jubilee hymn:

Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

IN MEMORIAM



Our beloved missionary, Dr. Marjorie Cameron, was born in Leeds, Que., in 1887. She came with her parents to Saskatchewan in 1906, and they settled on a farm some fifty miles north of Regina. She took her normal training in Regina and after teaching for two years in Saskatchewan attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and graduated in medicine in 1913. While in Chicago she united with the Third Baptist Church and in the fall of 1913 she transferred her membership to Central Baptist Church, Regina, which church afterwards amalgamated with the First Baptist Church, Regina.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, Dr. Cameron joined the staff of the Battle Creek Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., where she specialized in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and women's diseases, thus further preparing herself to fulfil her long felt desire to become a medical missionary to India.

The call came in 1915, and after a hurried farewell at home she sailed to India and was stationed at Pithapuram, where she learned the tongue. While at Pithapuram she was called, as a last resort, to attend the wife of the Rajah at childbirth. Due to her skill the life of the mother was saved and a young prince was born into the world. The Rajah never forgot her kindness and in the years to come contributed much money to the maintenance of the Pithapuram station.

Dr. Cameron was afterwards asked to take charge of the Chicacole field, a difficult field, where by her indomitable courage and will power she surmounted tremendous obstacles. Her faith in Almighty God never wavered. She prayed for money to build a necessary dispensary, and it came to her, even from people she had never known. The dispensary was built, partly with her own money, and is known as The Dr. Marjorie Cameron Dispensary.

However, the tremendous efforts she put into the work proved too much for her frail health, and in 1921 she suddenly died from an attack of angina pectoris while on a health seeking trip to the hills. On a small tablet erected to her memory near the Chicacole station are to be found the words, "In labours more abundant."

1914

1918

MEN WHO SERVED IN THE GREAT WAR FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Allan, Benjamin
 Archibald, Leon
 Archer, William
 Ayer, Percy
 Ball, Frank
 Baker, Sidney
 Bancroft, E. A.
 Beatson, George
 Beeching, William
 Binns, Albert
 Boyes, John H.
 Braund, S. H.
 Brown, R. A.
 Buck, A. L.
 Burton, Jack
 Burton, Reginald
 Burton, Roland
 Connelly, Arthur
 Craik, Alex
 Crosby, Erskine
 Daintry, M. J.
 Davis, Austin
 Davis, Harvey
 De Witt, J. H.
 Dixon, John
 Dumphy, Peter
 Faulk, Albert
 Faulkner, Roy
 Ford, Maurice
 Forbes, Albert D.
 Forbes, Leighton
 Fowler, Harry
 Ferguson, Miss E. M.

Gee, Harry
 Goby, J. H.
 Govel, Geo.
 Goodhue, Joseph
 Groome, Roland
 Ham, Geo.
 Hart, William
 Hazel, William
 Henderson, Geo.
 Hodges, Geo.
 Hollard, Brice
 Holmes, Ira
 Hudson, Wm. C.
 Jackson, Thomas
 Jacques, Ernest
 Jones, Austin
 Kendrick, Harvey
 Kennet, Geo.
 Le Lue, Horace
 Lennox, George
 Lord, Fred
 Marsh, Cyril A.
 MacLean, Earle
 McCannel, Daniel
 McCannel, Ross
 McDermid, John
 McDonald, Harold
 McDougall, L. J.
 McDougall, R. S.
 McGeorge, James
 McLennon, Norman
 McNair, Hugh
 McRae, E. K.

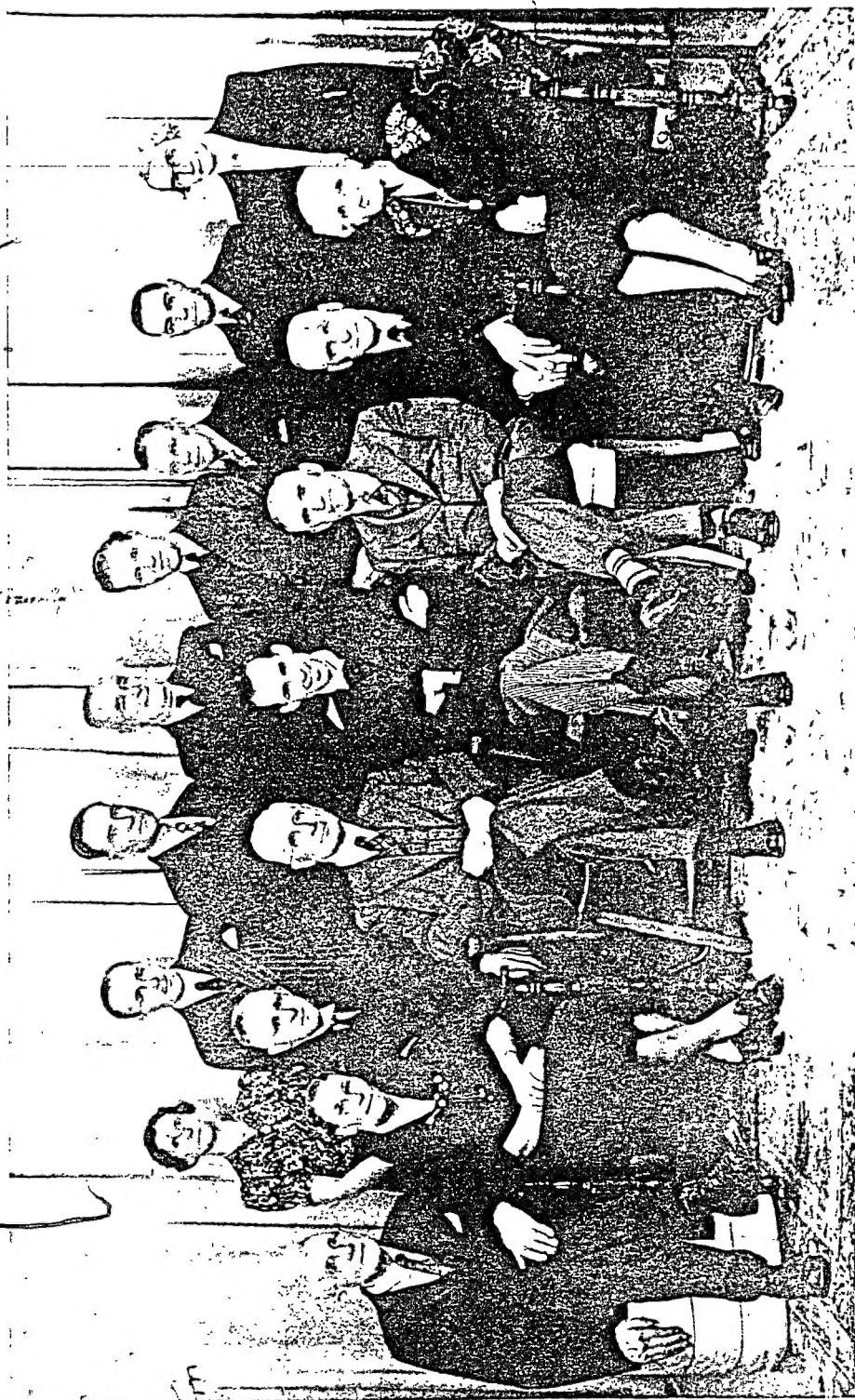
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 Munday, George
 Nadin, L. J.
 Neale, John
 Nelson, Robert O.
 Osler, Percival
 Paine, Ernest
 Phillips, A. H. W.
 Porter, Henry
 Price, S. Leon
 Ridgeway, James L.
 Roberts, Walter
 Rollins, Ira
 Samuels, Frank
 Shaddick, Albert
 Shaddick, Thomas
 Sharples, James
 Savin, Phillip
 Simpson, Thomas
 Spruit, G. K.
 Spruit, Harold
 Stevens, Charles H.
 Stinchcombe, Henry
 Towler, C. H.
 Wass, Miss Ruth
 Waterhouse, E. W.
 Westlake, Percy
 White, Frank
 Yates, Ernest C.
 York, Alfred

THOSE WHO PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

Beatson, George
 Brown, R. A.
 Fowler, Harry
 Le Lue, Horace

Lennox, Geo.
 McDonald, Harold
 Milne, William
 Savin, Phillip

Waterhouse, E. W.
 Yates, Ernest
 Stinchcombe, Henry



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Rev. J. H. King, M.A., served July 11, 1891, to July, 1893.

Rev. F. W. Auvache, B.A., served September, 1893 to 1896.

Stu. A. T. Robinson, Lic., served March, 1897 to July, 1897.

(Four months with no pastor)

Stu. J. F. Fraser, Lic., served Nov., 1897 to March, 1899.

Stu. J. G. Dixon, Lic., served summer of 1899.

Stu. J. H. Bowering, Lic., served Nov., 1899 to Dec. 1900.

Stu. A. T. Robinson, Lic., served Dec., 1900 to Dec., 1901.

(Sixteen months without a pastor)

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Rev. G. H. Jones, B.A., served Nov., 1907 to Mar., 1910.

Rev. S. J. Farmer, B.A., D.D., served May, 1910 to June, 1916.

(Pulpit supply seven months)

Rev. A. S. Lewis, B.A., B.D., D.D., served Feb. 1, 1917 to 1922.

Rev. H. R. Nobles, B.A., B.D., served Aug. 11, 1922 to July, 1931.

Rev. A. B. Vincent, B.A., served Oct., 1931 to Sept., 1932.

Rev. H. H. Upton, B.A., B.D., served Sept., 1932 to July, 1935.

Rev. Bowley Green, B.A., D.D., served Dec., 1935 to Dec., 1937.

Rev. F. W. Pattison, M.A., B.D., served Jan., 1938 to June, 1938.

Rev. C. Howard Bentall, B.A., B.D., served July, 1938 to date.

IN APPRECIATION

To search through the musty archives of the past, to pour over records to whose appearance the passing of the years has not been kind, to knit an historical sketch together from the fragmentary information of an ecclesiastical diary, is no easy task. Very few there are indeed who have enough patience and endurance to see such an assignment through to the end. But, as a church, it is our good fortune to have such a one in Mr. W. U. Pickel. In his capacity as church historian he has done a magnificent piece of work. The historical sketch bears silent testimony and eloquent tribute to long hours of careful research and we desire to record in our Jubilee Brochure our gratitude to Mr. Pickel for his tireless and painstaking effort.

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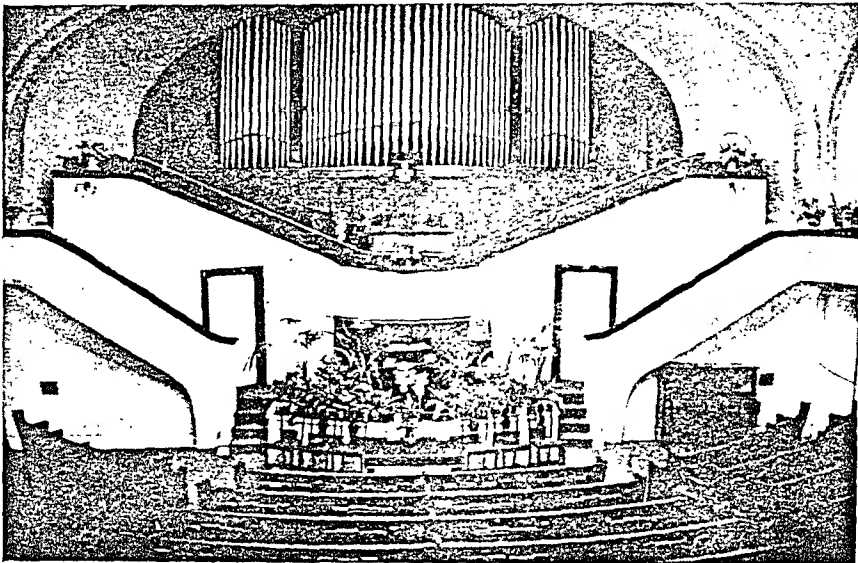
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